

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 491

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to expand the definition of firefighter to include apprentices and trainees, regardless of age or duty limitations.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 2, 2005

Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. SANTORUM, and Mr. LEAHY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Christopher Kangas
5 Fallen Firefighter Apprentice Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF DEFINITION OF FIREFIGHTER TO**
2 **INCLUDE APPRENTICES AND TRAINEES.**

3 Section 1204(4) of the Omnibus Crime Control and
4 Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796b(4)) is amend-
5 ed by inserting “, regardless of age, status as an appren-
6 tice or trainee, or duty restrictions imposed because of age
7 or status as an apprentice or trainee,” after “fire depart-
8 ment”.

9 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

10 The amendment made by this Act shall apply with
11 respect to deaths and injuries which occur on or after May
12 4, 2002.

